

San Francisco for the Orient, the Tokyo government has withdrawn its objections to the construction of the Fukuoka Railroad.

But Secretary Taft did not stop with a mere reiteration of the Hay policy. He went much farther when he said: "The American trade in China is sufficiently great to require the government of the United States to take every legitimate means to protect it against diminution or injury by the political preference of any of its competitors."

This sentence was pregnant with significance to the Chinese for the reason that the only country possessing a shadow of political preference in China is Japan, and Japan is the chief rival of the United States in Chinese trade. Secretary Taft continued: "It (the United States) cannot, of course, complain of loss of trade effected by use of greater enterprise, greater ingenuity, greater attention to the demands of the Chinese market, and greater business acumen, by its competitors; but it would have the right to protest against exclusion from Chinese trade by a departure from the policy of the open door. The acquiescence in this policy by all interested parties is so unhesitating and emphatic that it is hardly worth while to speculate as to the probable attitude of the United States were its merchants' interests injured by a violation of it."

"How far the United States would go in the protection of its Chinese trade no one, of course, can say."

The Chinese Trade.

Notwithstanding this disclaimer of ability to forecast the American attitude, Secretary Taft proceeded with this prediction:

"It is much more clear, however, that the merchants of the United States are being aroused to the importance of their Chinese export trade; that they would view political obstacles to its expansion with deep concern, and that this feeling of desire would be likely to find expression in the attitude of the American government."

"Domestic business in the United States has expanded so enormously and has resulted in such great profits as to prevent American business men from giving to the foreign trade that attention which it deserves, and which they certainly would give, but for more profitable business at home. As the population of the United States increases, as it fills and its vast manufacturing and agricultural interests become greater, its interest in foreign trade is certain to increase."

While we have been slow in raising our eyes to the importance of trade which has grown without government encouragement and almost without business effort, to its present important proportions, I feel sure that in future there will be no reason to complain of seeming government indifference."

Back Merchants With Guns.

To the Chinese merchants assembled at the banquet board, to whom the speech was being interpreted, sentence by sentence, this came as a direct message of assurance from Washington. The United States, as a world power, intends in future to back its merchants with its guns.

These same Chinese merchants and their compatriots in official life at that time were worried over the policy of Japan in placing obstacles in the way of railroad, river and harbor, mining and other developments of Chinese resources. Secretary Taft knew what was in their minds when he said to them:

"The United States and others who are for the open-door policy, sincerely will, if they are wise, not only welcome, but will encourage the great Chinese empire to take long steps in administrative and governmental reform, and in the development of her natural resources and in the improvement of the welfare of her people."

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"In this way China will add greatly to her power and prestige. Respecting government, may resist all possible foreign aggression seeking undue, exclusive or proprietary privileges in her territory, and without foreign aid, and enforce an open-door policy of equal opportunity to all."

Not only so, but those who view with alarm the effect of the growth of China, with her teeming millions, into a great industrial empire. I believe that this, instead of injuring foreign trade with China, would greatly increase it, and while it might change its character in some respects, it would not diminish its profits. A trade which depends for its profit on the backwardness of a people in developing their own resources and upon their inability to value at the proper relative prices that which they have to sell and that which they have to buy is not one which can be counted upon as stable or permanent."

China for the Chinese.

Not content with this encouragement to the Chinese reformers, who are the Chinese business men, Secretary Taft took a long step in advance of all other foreigners of authority who have discussed the Chinese problem, and put himself, and, inferentially, the American government, squarely on record in favor of China for the Chinese. He said:

"For the reasons I have given it does not seem to me that the cry of 'China for the Chinese' should frighten any one. All that is meant by it is that China should devote her energies to the development of her immense resources, to the elevation of her industrious people, and to the enlargement of her trade, and to the administrative reform of the empire as a great national government. Changes of this kind would only increase our trade with her. Our greatest export trade is with the countries most advanced in business methods and in the development of their particular resources."

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They also recall always that after the fall of Peking and the end of the Boxer rebellion, it was the United States which prevented the great powers of Europe and Japan from partitioning China. These two facts cause the Chinese to look upon the United States as their truest and best friend among the powers, notwithstanding

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the fact that they chafe under the operation of the American exclusion law. In this light, not the least significant part of Secretary Taft's address, was that in which he said:

"It is pleasant to note a great improvement in the last two years in the relations between the United States and China. In the first place, through the earnest efforts of President Roosevelt, the administration of the Chinese immigration laws of the United States has been made much more considerate. The inquisitorial harshness with which cases were properly admissible to the United States were a one me subjected, has been entirely mitigated without in any way impairing the effectiveness of the law."

"Again, the United States has exhibited its wish to do full justice to China, by a return, or waiver, of the indemnity awarded to it for injuries and expenses growing out of the Boxer troubles. It has been said that we have done only what we ought to do. This may be so, but a nice sense of international obligation is so universal that it may not unjustly increase the friendly feeling between the parties to the transaction."

Such was in substance the summary which Secretary Taft gave of the determination of the United States to stand by the policy of Chinese integrity, such, his bid for the special friendship between the United States and Japan. Japan considers, too, that the fleet's visit is a sort of underscoring of the significant passages in the Taft speech.

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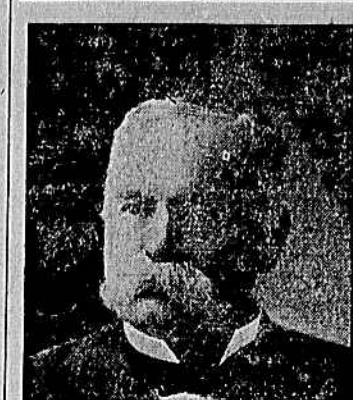
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## Ex-Governor of Texas



HON. S. W. T. LANHAM.

### EX-GOVERNOR LANHAM DEAD

Former Executive of the Lone Star State Passed Away.

WEATHERFORD, TEX., July 30.—Former Governor S. W. T. Lanham, of this State, died at his home here last night after an illness of several weeks, aged sixty-two years. Governor Lanham was a native of Spartanburg, S. C., and served during the Civil War as a member of the Third South Carolina Regiment. He removed to Texas in 1868 and was elected a member of Congress in 1870, serving until 1872. Two years later he was re-elected, and served again for eight years. As Governor he served two terms, his first term being during the Reconstruction period. He was re-elected in 1880 and served until 1884.

Had Visited Richmond.

Former Governor Lanham was well-known in Virginia, being a close personal friend of Congressman John Lamb. He visited Richmond on two occasions, making two addresses at Lee Camp, first to the Confederate veterans, and then to the Sons. Many of his relatives lived in South Carolina, and of his sons having graduated from Wofford College at Spartanburg.

GIVES PARDON TO ALL

Sultan Proclaims General Amnesty to Political Refugees.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The Sultan of Turkey, through the Turkish consul-general in this city, Mundi Bey, today proclaimed general amnesty to all political fugitives, regardless of their nationality, who are in Turkey, and to about 200,000 Armenians and others in the United States.

The message received by the Turkish consul-general in this city, Mundi Bey, was as follows:

"Inform all fugitive Turkish citizens in New York City and in all the United States, that the Turkish government has granted general amnesty to all political fugitives, regardless of their nationality, who are in Turkey, and to about 200,000 Armenians and others in the United States."

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Frank H. Hitchcock, Republican national chairman, when asked as to the truth of the report that a personal campaign was to be waged against Mr. Gompers, replied:

"Nothing of the kind has been arranged."

Paris Crusade for Decency.

PARIS, July 30.—Following the crusade against the appearance of unclothed women in Paris theatres, M. Laken, prefect of police, has given orders that the sale of obscene pictures on the boulevards, which has been for a long time a disgrace to the city, be rigorously suppressed. The firms producing these pictures will be prosecuted.

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## Social Leader Dead



MRS. JOSEPH THOMPSON.

### DEATH OF MRS. THOMPSON

One of Most Brilliant Women of Atlanta—Her Work for Exposition.

ATLANTA, GA., July 30.—Mrs. Joseph Thompson, who died during Wednesday night of heart disease, was one of the best known women in Georgia, and one of the social leaders of Atlanta.

Seven or eight years ago Mrs. Thompson began to suffer from nervousness. For the last year her condition had been especially serious. Three months ago she was taken to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. At the end of six weeks she returned much improved. A short while ago, however, she again went to the hospital, but returned home Saturday night. The second course of treatment, like the first, brought a material improvement in her condition, and it was without warning that she died.

Mrs. Thompson was the daughter of Major Livingston Mims, one of the old leaders of Southern gentlemen, and prior to his death, a few years ago, Mayor of Atlanta. Joseph Thompson, the widow, is well-known both in business and social circles. She has recently been a candidate for the office of county treasurer.

Mrs. Thompson was a woman of rare executive ability. She was most widely known, perhaps, as the originator and president of the woman's department of the Atlanta Exposition in 1895. Through her efforts it was made one of the most interesting features of the exposition. Her brilliancy, wit and popular grace made her a popular leader in society. She had entertained many of the most distinguished visitors to Atlanta. When President Cleveland and his wife attended the Atlanta Exposition in 1895, they were entertained by Mrs. Thompson, as were also President and Mrs. McKinley on their visit to the city. Among her guests during the exposition were Mrs. Potter Palmer.

Four years before Mrs. Thompson, accompanied by Mr. Symonds, Charleston, now Mrs. Barker, Gunners, Va., made a tour of the Mediterranean with the party of James Gordon Bennett.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Mississippi. Her father, Major Mims, moved to Atlanta while she was still but a child. She was forty-four years old. Her husband, Joseph Thompson, was one son, Livingston Mims Thompson, twenty-two years old, and a grandchild, Mary Thompson, two years old.

GOVERNMENTS AROUSED

National Leader Reported Assassinated at Hamadan.

TEHERAN, July 30.—Sayyid Muhammad, called "the Persian Mirabeau," the Nationalist leader and foremost orator of the recent Parliament, has been assassinated at Hamadan, about 165 miles from Teheran. Sayyid Muhammad went to Hamadan after leaving the British legation, where he had taken refuge. He was among those captured by the Cossacks after the fight around the Parliament buildings in Teheran in the latter part of June. It is supposed that the deed was committed by agents of the Shah.

Sullivan Dies From Injuries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., July 30.—Dennis Sullivan, the Portsmouth carriage manufacturer, who had his skull fractured last night by a car on the Ocean View electric line, died tonight of his injuries. Sullivan was jumping across the track in front of the car, when

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Two Concerned in Murder

Seen to Unload and Burn Mattress in Victim's Body.

NEW YORK, July 30.—That at least two men were concerned in the murder of the unidentified woman, whose half-charred and acid-scorched body was found on the Greenpoint Avenue dumping ground in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, early yesterday morning, was established to-night. Philip O'Brien, a laborer of Greenpoint, saw a covered wagon driven to the dump at dawn yesterday. Two men got out and lifted from the wagon what the witness supposed to be only an old mattress. He saw the men put a pile of brush on the mattress, pour oil over it, and then set fire to the bundle. Believing the mattress was being destroyed because it was diseased-infected, the man avoided the spot. There can be no doubt but that the mattress is the one in which the body of the murdered woman was concealed.

This important development led to the discovery that the covered wagon was seen by several other persons, and the police now have a minute description of the two men who were in it.

Another startling feature of the case was disclosed when Coroner's Physician Wuest made a second autopsy on the corpse. His first autopsy revealed a deep cut across the woman's throat. The second autopsy showed that this cut was made by a person who is an expert in surgery. The incision, says the coroner's physician, is such as is made in desperate cases of diphtheria, where it is necessary to pierce the windpipe to prevent strangulation, whether this wound caused death or not. Dr. Wuest is unprepared to say whether to identify the victim in the greatest obstacle the police have to overcome in solving the mystery. A general alarm has been sent out for

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band, Stanley, who have disappeared. There is a possibility that the murdered woman may have been Mrs. Muskovitch, Muskovitch and his wife left Green Point last Monday, supposedly for Stamford, Conn., and Mrs. Muskovitch has not been seen since. Her husband returned to Green Point on Tuesday alone, it is said.

WILL PROTECT THE NOTES

Wahash Makes Arrangements for the Wheeling and Lake Erie Securities. NEW YORK, July 30.—Directors of the Wahash Railroad held a special meeting to-day to take action on the \$5,000,000 of Wheeling and Lake Erie notes, which are guaranteed